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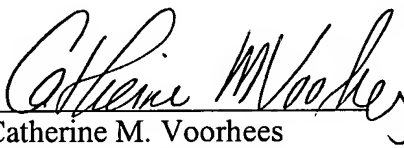
A Form PTO/SB/08A identifying each of the enclosed references likewise is attached.

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